

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of the Community Facilities Committee of the Council taking place on Tuesday 23rd August 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Mrs Prior Councillors: Barton, Mrs Bolton Assistant Clerk: Mr Brown Members of public: 13

1. Welcome & Announcements - None

2. Apologies received - Mr Isted

3. Confirmation of the order of the Agenda - Agreed, with additional item:
10.5 – Memorial Bench at Dog Close

4. Identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session

Item 11.3 - Consideration of offer from Greenbelt for purchase of land at Frost Road

5. Declarations of Interest - None

6. Open Session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish

Miss McDonaugh, Mountford Close: Raised concern that WCC may impose time restrictions on concessionary bus passes and asked if the PC would contribute to the WCC consultation. She commented the shuttle bus to Lawrence Mackie House no longer existed.

Mr Hawkins, Wyvern Close: Stated that Dog Close had been referred to as such during his lifetime.

Mrs McKenzie, Loxley Close: Said she has observed owners letting their dogs out of cars just to foul the sports field. There was land subsidence at the bowls club / cricket club.

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| Action: Refer contractor to examine fence and report | By: Office |
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Miss Willows, Mountford Close: Said as there would be no access for dogs at Dog Close, it would be good to have a place to exercise dogs, especially off the lead.

Miss Salt, Grange Gardens: Said many people rely on their dogs for mental and physical health, and she would like to volunteer to help find a resolution to this issue.

7. Minutes of the meeting on 14th June - Agreed

8. Matters arising – (not on the agenda)

8.1 Access to Mountford Sports Field - Cllr Mrs Prior reported that she had met with the Cricket Club and Scout Group and had agreed the work would be done at the end of September. She said the cricket club had agreed to fund the speed hump and 5mph signage.

9. Sports Association

9.1 Report - Mr Isted - not present

10. Dog Close

10.1 Update - Cllr Mrs Prior reported that as Stratford District Council had not responded to the Parish Council's plan for access to Dog Close within the period required, this would proceed on a "Deemed Discharge" basis. The Dog Close working party had developed a five-year plan for development of Dog Close to be presented at full Council in September. Regarding the "no dogs" decision, Cllr Mrs Prior emphasised this had been taken at the full Council meeting of 2nd August, and that it was the only place in the village other than the children's play area where dogs are not allowed.

Miss Salt, Grange Gardens: said there should be a survey of residents regarding where dogs should be allowed.

Miss Canty, Warwick Road: said there was nowhere in Wellesbourne where dogs could be let off the lead.

Cllr Mrs Prior said there would be an opportunity to review the situation with land to be acquired from Persimmon homes once the Grange development was completed, and residents would have an opportunity to comment at that stage.

10.2 Recommendation to purchase the seed required for re-seeding on Dog Close up to £ 600

Proposed Cllr Mrs Prior, 2nd Cllr Barton; agreed

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| Action: Arrange purchase and seeding | By: Office |
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10.3 Recommendation to spend up to £100 to enable Cllr Parry (SDC) to provide an online survey of Wellesbourne residents' opinions on renaming of Dog Close

Proposed Cllr Mrs Prior, 2nd Cllr Mrs Bolton; agreed

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| Action: Liaise with Cllr Parry to effect survey | By: Cllr Mrs Prior |
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10.4 Review of proposed names from Dog Close Working Party - Cllr Mrs Prior explained the source of the proposed names. Cllr Barton said that at a previous meeting, Cllr Howes had suggested "Talbot", given that is the source of the "Dog" name. Agreed to take "Jubilee Meadow", "Talbot Meadow" and "Dene Meadow" forward for further review at full Council in September.

10.5 Memorial Bench at Dog Close - Agreed the application

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| Action: Convey agreement to applicant; raise invoice for bench and installation | By: Office |
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11. Green open spaces

- 11.1 Transfer of land update – Cllr Mrs Prior reported that all documentation for land at the Grange was now with the Council’s solicitor, but the documentation for Mountford Place from Stratford District Council was still awaited.
Mrs Bennett, Cozens Street: Asked whether the dead trees at Mountford Place be replaced. Cllr Mrs Prior said they will be and, as with the dead trees at the Grange, the cost will be covered by the developers.
- 11.2 Consideration of quote for the ongoing maintenance of the Grange public areas - Noted, and will be taken to full Parish Council Meeting on 6th September.
- 11.3 Consideration of offer from Greenbelt for purchase of land at Frost Road - Referred to confidential session.
- 11.4 Consideration of offer of donation of 7’ ash tree - Agreed to accept kind offer

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| Actions: Thank resident; arrange collection and planting | By: Office; Dog Close Working Party |
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12. Properties

- 12.1 Property leases – a review - Cllr Mrs Prior said it was a requirement to review these annually, but this had not happened recently. Agreed to do this after a visit to each of the properties (Village Hall, Chedham’s Yard, WSCC, Bowls Club, Cricket Club) – see item 12.2 below.
- 12.2 Visits to properties – a programme - Cllr Mrs Prior stated it had been some time since the Council’s properties (Village Hall, Chedham’s Yard, WSCC, Bowls Club, Cricket Club) had been formally inspected and this should now be reviewed.

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| Action: Arrange a schedule of property inspection dates | By: Cllr Mrs Prior / Office |
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12. Cllr, Clerk and member exchange of information - None

13. Date of next meeting – 25th October 2022

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under Paras 1 and 11 and Part 1 Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public be excluded.

Confidential session:

- 11.3 Consideration of offer from Greenbelt for purchase of land at Frost Road - Councillors discussed the proposal from Greenbelt and agreed to proceed – Proposed Cllr Mrs Prior; 2nd Cllr Barton; agreed

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting declared at 9.36pm

Chairman.....

Signed.....

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11.3 Consideration of offer from Greenbelt for purchase of land at Frost Road

Cllr Mrs Prior confirmed the offer from Greenbelt was for £1,500 to buy the land, and c.£900 for their solicitor's fees. Additionally there would be c.£1,200 fees for the Council's solicitor. Therefore around £4,000 allowing for contingency. The money would be sourced from the capital sum transferred from the overall Council budget. Cllr Mrs Bolton highlighted two issues: 1) the need to account for VAT within the transaction, and 2) that the 21 days' validity of offer from Greenbelt is probably too short for the Council to complete within the timeframe.

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| Action: Confirm to Greenbelt willingness to proceed speedily, but with caveat that 21 days might not be achievable | By: Office |
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